

**From:** MB Touchstone mbtouchstone@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Reading is Essential  
**Date:** August 15, 2023 at 12:55 PM  
**To:** jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us

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Ms. Newby,

Thank you so much for serving on Boyle County's Board of Education. I appreciate that in this day and age, the post can be challenging. I can also appreciate how difficult it must be for any board member to be asked to adopt policies that will be harmful to some students. As the parent of a transgendered adult and an active member of this community, I must ask that you keep our marginalized children in mind as you implement policies particularly regarding access to school and classroom libraries.

Since SB 150 does not call for removal of library books, I implore you not to do so. Just say "no". I am the mother of 3 and grandmother of 5; I know it is very difficult to get some children to read. I believe reading is the gateway to learning and we just don't know which book will trigger a lifelong love of reading for a child. Will it be the picture book depicting a child with 2 mommies or a book about the world's greatest sculptures? Let's not limit opportunities for our children to learn.

I am so proud of the quality of education that has been provided by the Boyle County schools. Let's not falter now. Please reconsider your decision to decommission books in our schools.

Warmest regards,  
Mary Beth Touchstone

**From:** Claire O'Quin ctoquin@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Concerns over book removal in Boyle County Schools  
**Date:** August 15, 2023 at 5:58 AM  
**To:** jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us

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	BOYLE COUNTY SCHOOLS	<b>E: mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us</b>
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**From:** Rogers, Lisa A. Lisa.Rogers3@uky.edu  
**Subject:** concerned  
**Date:** August 15, 2023 at 3:17 PM  
**To:** jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us

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Subject: SB150 and Library Censorship  
Date: August 16, 2023 at 11:12 AM  
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**From:** Augustine Chapin chapina1144@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Concerned parent  
**Date:** August 17, 2023 at 8:00 AM  
**To:** jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us

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Hello Ms. Newby,

My name is Augustine Chapin, I am the mother of a 7th grader at BCMS and a 4th grader at JCES. I am dismayed and extremely disappointed to learn that our schools have been removing books from the libraries in response to SB150. I urge the school board to reconsider this position.

We chose to move to the Boyle County School system instead of staying in our home in Danville because Boyle has been working hard to cultivate an environment of academic excellence. I am concerned that gaining a reputation for book banning would jeopardize and undermine those efforts.

Thank you for considering,  
Augustine Chapin

**From:** Betsy Quilligan bquilligan@gmail.com

**Subject:** Book removal

**Date:** August 17, 2023 at 11:14 AM

**To:** laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us, jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us, jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us, ruthann.elliott@boyle.kyschools.us, stephen.tamme@boyle.kyschools.us

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**Subject:** Re: Book removal  
**Date:** August 18, 2023 at 8:12 AM  
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Betsy,

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Sent from my iPad

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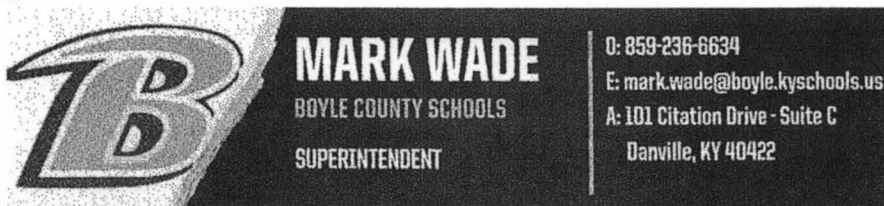
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**Subject:** Board meeting request  
**Date:** August 17, 2023 at 12:31 PM  
**To:** jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us

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We, the Del Rosario family are asking the district to reconsider its decision to remove books from school libraries, as this action is not called for in the law itself, nor has there been any direction from KDE to undertake such a drastic step. I believe and trust the Boyle County Schools have been working hard to cultivate a reputation for excellence. Which is exactly why our family decided to send our children there. Gaining a reputation for book banning undermines these efforts.

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**To:** ctoquin@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Laura Weddle laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us, Jennifer Newby jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us



Ms. O'Quin,

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Sincerely,  
Mark Wade

**From:** Claire O'Quin <ctoquin@gmail.com>  
**Date:** August 15, 2023 at 6:15:43 AM EDT  
**To:** laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us  
**Subject:** Concerns over book removal in Boyle County Schools

Dear Ms. Weddle,

I am writing to you because as a parent with a child in the school district, I was extremely disappointed to hear that Boyle County Schools has made the decision to remove books from school libraries in response to SB 150. While I understand the difficult position that school districts have been put in as a result of this bill being passed, there is nothing in the law, nor has there been a directive from the Kentucky Department of Education that requires districts to take such extreme measures. It is upsetting to me to think my child is attending school in a district that thinks book banning is appropriate. I am asking that the school board reconsider this action.

Thank you,  
Claire O'Quin

	<b>MARK WADE</b>	<b>O: 858-236-6634</b>
	BOYLE COUNTY SCHOOLS	<b>E: mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us</b>
	SUPERINTENDENT	<b>A: 101 Citation Drive - Suite C</b>
		<b>Danville, KY 40422</b>

**From:** Rogers, Lisa A. Lisa.Rogers3@uky.edu  
**Subject:** Concerned  
**Date:** August 15, 2023 at 3:24 PM  
**To:** laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us

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**From:** Laura Weddle laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us  
**Subject:** Fwd: Concerned  
**Date:** August 17, 2023 at 6:59 PM  
**To:** Mark Wade mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us

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Laura Weddle

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Rogers, Lisa A." <Lisa.Rogers3@uky.edu>  
**Date:** August 15, 2023 at 3:24:16 PM EDT  
**To:** laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us  
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**From:** Mark Wade mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us

**Subject:** Fwd: Concerned

**Date:** August 18, 2023 at 4:51 PM

**To:** lisa.rogers3@uky.edu

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**From:** Katy Neyhouse kneyhouse@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Library Books and SB150  
**Date:** August 16, 2023 at 7:09 PM  
**To:** jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us

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Hi Jennifer!

Personal note: I hope Jenna had a GREAT first day of school! Junior?!

I think you're the representative for my area (Riverview subdivision) but if not, please let me know and I'll direct this email to the correct individual...

I recently learned that our school system has been removing books from the library in response to SB150. I would like to encourage the school board to reconsider this position.

I understand the Kentucky Department of Education has not provided firm guidance on the implementation of SB150 and, in not doing so, provides districts with some leeway to choose a course of action. There is no mention of books or libraries in SB150. Attached is legal analysis by Danville lawyer, Susan Weston, who has many years of experience in educational policy.

I believe that the position Boyle is taking comes from one of good intent and I recognize that this is a tough time to be in school leadership. My concern is that, in an effort to protect itself, the district has overstepped the bounds of what is actually required by SB150.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Katy

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